

# creature comforts



## Winter safety for fido

Cool conditions can pose new threats to your dog's well-being.

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Whether it's a new pair of shoes or leftover steamed broccoli, most dogs will eat almost anything. Sometimes this can mean you're out \$100, but other times it can mean your dog will die.

With winter in full swing on the North Shore, Michelle Sevigny, founder and head instructor of DOGSAFE Canine First Aid courses, says there are new threats to your dog's well-being, including antifreeze.

"It's such a deadly product," she said. There are two kinds of anti-freeze.

The first, ethylene glycol, tastes sweet and might entice your dog to keep lapping it up. But the second, propylene glycol-based, is essentially non-toxic and tasteless. "It's less problematic," she said, "but you can't (account for) the people down the street."

Sevigny recently compiled a list of winter safety tips, like this one, to warn dog-owners about cold weather dangers.

"I've gotten the feedback and I've got people going, 'I did not know that,'" she said.

Some of the tips are from the S.P.C.A., others she found while she was researching her book *Everything Your Dog*

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